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1. APPROX 70 LA AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENTS MET IN BOGOTA JULY 15-18/74. EUROPEAN DELS INCLUDED THE PRES OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, CORNELIUS BERKHOUWER AND REPS FROM HOLLAND WEST GERMANY FRANCE GREAT BRITAIN ITALY DENMARK AND IRELAND. LA WAS REPRESENTED BY ARTURO HERNANDEZ AND ANDRES TOWNSEND PRES AND SECYGEN RESPECTIVELY OF THE LA PARLIAMENT AND DELS FROM ARGENTINA BRAZIL COLOMBIA COSTA RICA MEXICO PARAGUAY AND VENEZUELA. REPS FROM GUATEMALA HONDURAS NICARAGUA AND CHILE (ASYLEES IN COLOMBIA) HAD OBSERVER STATUS, ALTHOUGH THE STATUS OF THE CHILEANS WAS NOT DECIDED UNTIL THE CLOSING CEREMONIES. EARLY IN THE MEETING THE DELS HAD UNANIMOUSLY WELCOMED THE PARTICIPATION OF THREE CHILEAN ASYLEES IN COLOMBIA, FORMER DEPUTIES OSCAR GUILLERMO GARRETON, CARMEN LAZO AND ADONIS SEPULVEDA (SEE REF). AT CLOSING CEREMONIES, BRAZIL AND PARAGUAYAN REPS PROTESTED ATTEMPTS OF SOME LATIN DELS TO ALLOW UNCLASSIFIED

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CHILEANS TO SIGN THE OFFICIAL STATEMENTS AS FULL FLEDGED PARTICIPANTS

ALL PARTIES FINALLY AGREED TO OBSERVER STATUS FOR CHILEANS.

2. PRESS COVERAGE CONCENTRATED ON CHILEAN PARTICIPATION WHICH WAS CHARACTERIZED BY BERKHOUWER AS AN "IMPLICATION ON OUR PART OF A CATEGORICAL DENUNCIATION OF ANY ACTION, WHATEVER THE MOTIVES, THAT DISRUPTS OR ELIMINATES THE FREE ELECTION OF THE GOVT BY THE GOVERNED". COLOMBIAN DEL TOLD EMB THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY ATTEMPT BY CHILEAN DEL TO READ INTO RECORD LETTERS EXCHANGED BETWEEN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY (PDC) AND FORMER MIN OF INTERIOR BONILLA PER PARA 2 REFTTEL; HOWEVER EMB WILL CHECK FURTHER UPON RECEIPT OF OFFICIAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS, EXPECTED SOMETIME DURING WEEK OF JULY 22. IN BRIEF SPEECH JULY 16 FORMER CHILEAN DEPUTY SEPULVEDA DENOUNCED THE VIOLATION OF LIBERTIES IN CHILE. HE PRAISED THE CONFERENCE FOR ALLOWING THE ASYLEES TO PARTICIPATE WHICH HE SAID "PROVES THAT BEYOND THE POLIT AND IDEOLOGICAL BARRIERS IT IS POSSIBLE TO EXTEND A BRIDGE OF HUMAN SOLIDARITY." VENEZUELAN DEPUTY ORESTE DI GIACOMO OF THE PEOPLES ELECTORAL MOVEMENT (MEP) DENOUNCED CHILE'S "FASCIST GOVERNMENT" WHICH HAS "EVEN NAMED A FOREIGN NAZI AS CHIEF OF INVESTIGATION."

3. CONFERENCE DEDICATED ITSELF FOR THE MOST PART TO EXPLORING ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES. FINAL CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE INCLUDED

A PROMISE BY THE EUROPEANS TO STUDY THE BASIS FOR THE SYSTEM OF GENERAL PREFERENCES AUTHORIZED BY THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY. THE EUROPEANS ANNOUNCED THE PROPOSAL BY THE EEC TO ESTABLISH A US \$500 MILLION FUND "TO ASSIST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SUFFERING FROM THE HIGH COST OF PRIME MATERIALS AND ENERGY." THE PARTICIPANTS AGREED TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A EUROPEAN-LATIN AMERICAN BANKING INSTITUTE TO PROMOTE EUROPEAN INVESTMENTS IN LA. TO ENCOURAGE EXCHANGES OF STUDENTS, PROFESSIONALS AND TECHNICIANS, THE EUROPEANS PROPOSED THE CREATION OF A SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR YOUNG LATIN AMERICANS TO STUDY IN EUROPE. AS MIGHT BE EXPECTED THE CONFEREES ADDRESSED THE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION ISSUE, DECLARING THAT "THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO UTILIZE THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES MUST BE RESPECTED AND IN THIS REGARD, THE EXPLOITATION OF THESE RESOURCES BY MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AMONG OTHERS, MUST BE EXPLORED AT THE NEXT CONFERENCE." FINALLY THE CONFEREES DENOUNCED

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VIGOROUSLY ALL GOVTS WHICH IMPEDE CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS FOR ANY REASON AND REITERATED THEIR CONVICTION THAT PARLIAMENTARY INSTITUTIONS ARE THE "GENUINE ORGANS OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY... THAT ENSURE THE BEST AND MOST AUTHENTIC POPULAR PARTICIPATION IN GOVT." VAKY

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